

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN BROSS OR GENERAL CUSHMAN  
SUBJECT: CIRIS Machine Program

The NIRB Terms of Reference states that NIRB will

"Serve as custodian of the Consolidated Intelligence Resource Information System (CIRIS) and support its development as a common display maintained across intelligence resource program lines and reflecting activities, resource allocations and objectives of the intelligence community as a whole and of its major component parts."

As you are aware, the principal change in going from TOD to CIRIS in DoD has been one of integrating the CIRIS directly into the DoD PPB system and the annual cycle. What this means is that the Defense portion of CIRIS contains the total resources of the Consolidated Defense Intelligence Program reflected at four different points in the programming process, i. e., Approved Program, Requested Program, Program Manager Recommended Program, and CDIP Decision Program. Thus, the CIRIS becomes a tool which can be used by both NIRB and my office to follow the course of the process, noting the resource issues, and their functional and target relationships in the CIRIS data.

This process places a new demand upon the CIRIS machine operations in terms of both programming and timing in making the outputs available to my office and NIRB.

I believe that we should continue the computer operation in a centralized fashion. From a technical and cost standpoint this makes sense. It also makes sense from a security and bureaucratic standpoint. However, the new system and our use of it necessitates a more effective and efficient means of handling the CIRIS output.

In brief, I believe we must in DASD(I) have a direct query capability of the CIRIS data. As I understand it, our CIRIS people have been looking at this problem for some time and are prepared to provide us with an implementation plan.

I recommend that we place this item on the agenda for the next NIRB meeting and direct the CIRIS committee to produce an implementation plan within two weeks for NIRB consideration. It is important that we have an early decision on this matter if we are to have <sup>some</sup> capability for direct query in the CY 1971 cycle. I also recommend that the CIRIS Committee submit preliminary cost figures for (a) CIRIS Programming and Machining in CY 1970 and CY 1971 and (b) the cost of placing a terminal in the DASD(I) office.

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